

**COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES
AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Wednesday 6 January 2016
Room 29, Parliament Buildings**

Present: Ms Maeve McLaughlin MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Alex Easton MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Thomas Buchanan MLA
Mr Kieran McCarthy MLA
Ms Rosie McCorley MLA
Mr Michael McGimpsey MLA
Mr Daithí McKay MLA
Mr Fearghal McKinney MLA
Mr Gary Middleton MLA

Apologies: Mrs Jo-Anne Dobson
Ms Pam Cameron

In Attendance: Ms Marie Austin (Senior Assistant Clerk)
Ms Deirdre Farry (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Ms Sharon McGurk (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Craig Mealey (Clerical Officer)

The meeting commenced at 10.12 a.m. in public session.

1. Apologies

Apologies are detailed above.

2. Draft minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 9 December 2015

The minutes of the Committee meeting on Wednesday 9 December 2015 were agreed.

The Chairperson referred to waiting times in emergency departments.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the departmental briefing scheduled for the meeting on 13 January 2016, should cover waiting times in emergency

departments, including an update on progress in relation to the College of Emergency Medicine recommendations.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to add the Health and Social Care (Control of Data Processing) Bill to the agenda.

3. Health and Social Care (Control of Data Processing) Bill - Consideration Stage

The Committee considered correspondence from the Minister in relation to the Committee's amendment to the Health and Social Care (Control of Data Processing) Bill to place an 'opt-out' provision on the face of the Bill, and providing the text of two new departmental amendments.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to invite departmental officials to its meeting on 7 January to outline the impact the Committee amendment is likely to have on the operation of the Data Protection Act 1998.

4. Human Transplantation Bill – Oral Evidence Session

The Committee heard evidence from:

Dr John R Darling	Consultant in Intensive Care Medicine
Dr TJ Trinder	Consultant in Intensive Care Medicine
Dr George Gardiner	Consultant in Intensive Care Medicine
Dr Paul Glover	BHSCT and Regional Clinical Lead for Organ Donation

A question and answer session ensued.

The Chairperson thanked the witnesses for their evidence.

11.08 am Mr Michael Mc Gimpsey joined the meeting.

11.23 am Mr Daithí McKay joined the meeting.

5. Human Transplantation Bill – Oral Evidence Session

The Committee heard evidence from:

Mr Allan Marriot-Smith	Chief Executive, Human Tissue Authority
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A question and answer session ensued.

The Chairperson thanked the witness for his evidence.

6. Human Transplantation Bill – Oral Evidence Session

The Committee heard evidence from:

Mr John Brown,	Chair, NI Kidney Research Fund
Ms Jayne Murray,	Head, British Heart Foundation NI
Dr John Chisholm,	Chair, British Medical Association

A question and answer session ensued.

The Chairperson thanked the witnesses for their evidence.

12.28 am Mr Fearghal Mc Kinney joined the meeting.

7. Human Transplantation Bill – Oral Evidence Session

The Committee heard evidence from:

Mr Joe Brolly	Co-Chair, Opt for Life
Dr Mike Jones	Director of Standards, Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

A question and answer session ensued.

The Chairperson thanked the witnesses for their evidence.

15.02 pm Mr Thomas Buchanan joined the meeting.

8. Human Transplantation Bill – Oral Evidence Session

The Committee heard evidence from:

Mr Mark Baillie	Public Affairs Officer, CARE in NI
Mr Liam Gibson	Development Officer, Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child
Mr Gavin Norris	Public Affairs Officer, Presbyterian Church

A question and answer session ensued.

The Chairperson thanked the witnesses for their evidence.

15.24pm Mr Fearghal McKinney left the meeting.

15.24pm Mr Michael Mc Gimpsey left the meeting.

9. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be on Thursday 7 January 2016, at 2.30 pm in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 3.32 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____